

U. S. TO BUILD TWO SMOKELESS POWDER MILLS

Each Will Cost \$50,000,-
000—One at Charleston,
Other at Nashville.

The War Department last night announced the award of contracts for two smokeless powder plants to cost \$50,000,000 each.

The plants will be located at Charleston, W. Va., and Nashville, Tenn. Work already has begun on the Charleston plant.

Each plant will produce 500,000 pounds of powder per day.

From 10,000 to 15,000 men will be employed at each of the two government powder factories.

U. S. to Build Factory.

The initial output at each plant is expected not later than August. The completion of all construction work with the maximum output will be reached as rapidly as possible.

Much of the powder produced at both plants will be available for the allied nations. It is deemed more expedient, the War Department statement says, to ship abroad the finished product rather than to furnish the allies with raw materials.

The Charleston factory will be constructed by the government, under contract with the Thompson Starrett Company, of New York. A contract has been signed with the du Pont Powder Company for the construction of the plant at Nashville. The du Pont Engineering Company, a subsidiary of the du Pont Powder Company, will do the construction work.

The du Pont Powder Company will operate the Nashville plant for a sufficient period of time to make certain that, when turned over to the government it will have reached the highest operating efficiency. The transfer to the government will be made when the machinery begins to operate smoothly. The du Pont Company will receive a nominal fee for its services in erecting and equipping the Nashville plant.

Jackling in Charge.

Negotiations for the construction of the two powder factories were conducted by Assistant Secretary of War Crowell and Daniel C. Jackling, of New York, special representative of the War Department.

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THE TOWN CRIER.

In compliance with the request of the Board of Education, the regular monthly meeting of the Johnson-Powell Community Center Association, called for this evening, at the Powell School, has been cancelled.

The second of the series of six lectures in French on Belgium by Prof. Viktor Horta, member of the Royal Academy of Belgium, is to be given this afternoon at 3 o'clock at the residence of Mrs. Adolph Miller, 2230 S. street northwest. The subject will be "Modern Belgian Painting."

A social meeting of the Washington Chapter, American Association of Engineers, is to be held this evening at 7:45 o'clock in the Chamber of Commerce rooms, 644 Twelfth street northwest.

The Petworth Woman's Club will meet at 8 o'clock this evening in the Petworth School, Eighth and Shepherd streets. The art committee will be in charge of the program.

Owing to the large attendance at the stranger's dance, given at the Knights of Columbus Hall, it has been decided by the committee to give another stranger's dance this evening. Strangers in the city, both men and women, are invited. The hall is located at 606 E. street northwest.

Purdue University Alumni will hold their second smoker at the University Club, Fifteenth and Eye streets, February 7, at 8 o'clock. Prof. T. F. Moran and W. A. Duff, Representative Will R. Woods and Maj. George B. Babcock will be the principal speakers.

Important business is scheduled to come up for discussion at a meeting of the Legion of Loyal Women this evening at 8 o'clock in the lodge room of the Arcade.

The annual meeting of the War Department Rifle Club will be held this afternoon in room 238, War Department Building. Election of officers and other important business will be transacted.

Officers to be elected at a meeting of the Iowa Society in the District of Columbia this evening at 8 o'clock at the New Ebbitt House. War relief work also will be discussed.

Itamar Ben Avri of Palestine will tell of the progress made in the Zionist movement at the Town and Country Club this evening.

"Trip to Constantinople" will be the subject of a lecture by Mrs. Van Anderson Gordon, Tuesday night at 8 o'clock at "The Eagle's Wings," 519 Eleventh street northwest. Mrs. Gordon spent several months in Constantinople under the old regime, just before the former Sultan was deposed, so a glimpse will be given of the old Turkey which has passed away forever. All are welcome. There will be a voluntary offering for the benefit of the rooms.

Steps will be taken at the meeting of the Georgia Society, scheduled for this evening at 8 o'clock, at 521 Sixth street northwest, to enter into the city-wide campaign against room rent increases. A report will be made by the committee in charge of listing the names of Georgia in the District.

Rev. Dr. Howard B. Grose, of Boston, Mass., and H. B. P. McFarland will speak before the Bethel Literary Association at the Y. M. C. A., Twelfth street branch, tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock. Music by the Christian Endeavor Worker's Conference.

Find Child After Week's Hunt; Arrest Woman

New York, Feb. 3.—Three-year old Lillian Rosner, who mysteriously disappeared from her home more than a week ago, was found tonight. She was kidnapped and was being held in a Brooklyn flat. The girl's crying attracted attention and led to the discovery.

Her captor, a woman, was arrested later name was not given out.

In a recent thunder storm at Little Rock, forty-nine mallard ducks in flight were killed by lightning and dropped into a farmyard.



How Millions Have Trod Long Trails to Trenches

Night Relief Described, When Men Plod Along
Wearily in Dark from Rest Bunkets to
Places in Firing Line.

By JOHN L. BALDERSTON.
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Somewhere in France, Dec. 28.—The long trail to the trenches! It is a trail that tens of millions of men of nearly all the nations and races of the globe have wearily trod during the four years of this war.

Thousands of American boys are about to tread that trail whose legions that have vanished like smoke have trod before them. It is the same trail, and where on the Western front, and this description of how a relief is accomplished, while actually written from observation on the British front in the north, applies just as well to our own boys, going into action from the rest town in comparative safety in the rear.

The light is dying out of the western sky, and the evening shadows are falling over the rest camp so that the great square in which the battalion is waiting to move is darkening with the passing minutes, and the twinkling candle lights from the surrounding huts grow more and more distinct. Shadowy forms are flitting across the square. Now and then voices sound, quick words of command and question, and quick replies.

For the battalion is parading in full strength, and the long trail to the trenches is about to commence.

Long Line of Shadows.

"A company, lead off."

It is the colonel who gives the order. The captain's curt command follows. There is a rattle of equipment as the rifles are brought to the slope, and then the quick tread of men marking time, until the files broaden out to give them walking room.

A long line of shadow detaches itself from the main block and moves towards the rest camp entrance. The light from the guard huts on either side show up the heavily burdened forms of men marching four abreast. The company draws stamping as the captain mounts his impatient horse, a quick beat of the eager hoofs as he gallops to the column's head.

"March at ease," the command comes clearly down the line. Again the rattle of equipment as the rifles are slung over the shoulder. A low murmur of conversation. And the men settle down to the long, easy stride which will carry them most comfortably over the weary miles to the firing line.

Hour after hour the company moves forward, fifty minutes marching, and ten minutes rest. Three miles have been covered. The men are lying by the roadside, packs off and rifles laid aside. They do not mind the mud, for they can ease their aching shoulders. Six miles covered. Not so many men are lying down this second halt.

First Sickness Worst.

The first stretch of the trail is always the most exhausting. It is the softness of the rest period to be sweated out. Thereafter, in spite of the more dilapidated condition of the road, the limbs move more rhythmically without conscious effort, shoulders tortured by the early pressure of the carrying straps become calmed and painless, and moving forward with a mechanical exercise.

At last the battalion arrives at the entrance to the communication trench. The men are all lying down, not from fatigue, but to give the smallest possible target to the bullets which are whining around. "Blimey! that was a near one," says a man suddenly, as a bullet thuds into the earth a few inches from his foot. "Peeng!" goes a ricochet, striking off from the top of a ruined wall. "Did you see those sparks?" asks a voice. Around is the desolation of the trench area; ruined buildings, shattered trees and disrupted roads and fields. In front, the night babel of the trench with the Vercy lights rising and falling. Above, the deep, dark mystery of the moonless sky.

"Lead on!" The whisper comes hoarsely down the line. The men rise silently, and steal forward in single file. They disappear into the communication trench like ghosts returning to the grave, leaving no sign of their passage. "Step down!" "Hole on the right!" "Step up!" Each man repeats the warning to his neighbor, and the long line of men passes safely over the narrow strip of duck-board.

Each Guides Other.

There may be a three feet drop underneath. A slip between the boards and the trench wall might have serious consequences for men top-heavy with their burdens. Thus the army shepherds itself into the trenches, each man guiding his comrade and being guided himself in turn.

GLASS CANDY FOR SOLDIERS "JUST MISHAP"

"Accident," Says Officials
Investigating Presence
of Crystals.

"An accident in manufacture, probably," declared Dr. William G. Woodward, head of the health department of the District, last night, commenting on reports that candy had been "glassed" as part of a widespread plot to injure soldiers.

Seven bars of the suspected chocolate candy have been analyzed by the health department. In only one of them, the first presented, has any powdered glass been discovered.

"The quantity of powdered glass found in the one contaminated specimen was certainly not enough to kill anyone," said Dr. Woodward. "Indeed, it would probably cause very little harm. It is possible that the glass entered the candy through an accident in the manufacturing process."

"However, the health department will continue its investigations until it has been proven thoroughly that the glass was not introduced intentionally."

Bars of chocolate have been gathered not only from the Takoma Park drug store where the first piece was obtained, but from four other establishments in the city. So far none of these has contained the glass.

Maj. Raymond Fullman, city detective and Department of Justice men are working on the case in an effort to dig up every fact.

The candy bars examined are manufactured by a Baltimore firm. Although from 1,000 to 1,500 chocolate bars made by the same concern are sold at the Central High School every day, no glass has been found in these lots.

Norfolk, Feb. 3.—Fire at the naval base at Cherrystone, Va., destroyed a large warehouse containing food and clothing. A relief vessel carrying supplies has been sent from Norfolk.

Akron, Ohio, Feb. 3.—Fire that started in an overheated dry kiln in the Lyman-Hawkins Lumber Company's yards has caused a loss estimated at \$100,000, according to company officials.

Ware, Mass., Feb. 3.—Harold L. Atkins was found guilty of threatening the chairman of the Draft Exemption Board following the refusal of his claim for exemption. He was ordered to pay costs and placed under bonds to keep the peace.

New Haven, Conn., Feb. 3.—Frank A. Chapman, deputy supreme president of the Fraternal Benefit League, the headquarters of which is here, is dead from apoplexy, with which he was stricken after making a fraternal visit to a neighboring city.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 3.—A Mexican drug similar to Indian hemp, together with cheap whiskey, has been held responsible by J. M. Deaver, coroner, for the death of five and the wounding of a sixth person here.

Hartford, Conn., Feb. 3.—Analysis made by direction of the Federal government dispose entirely of stories which have cropped out at various places in Connecticut to the effect that ground glass has been found in candy, chocolate, jelly and other toothsome preparations.

Asbury Park, N. J., Feb. 3.—Mrs. Lydia Chase Macintosh, said to be the oldest woman in New Jersey, is taking a decided interest in the arrangement for the celebration of her 100th birthday anniversary at her home next Monday. She was born at Pepperell, Mass., February 4, 1815.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 3.—Another military course has been added to the curriculum of the Johns Hopkins University by request of the War Department. It consists of a course in signal engineering, which will lead to service in the radio division of the Signal Corps. Already fifteen students have enrolled.

Ayer, Mass., Feb. 3.—Charles Lanzetta, of New York City, is member of the 302d Infantry at Camp Devens, has been convicted by court-martial on a charge of having sought political influence in the effort to obtain a transfer to another branch of the service. He was sentenced to three months at hard labor.

Long Branch, N. J., Feb. 3.—Marshall Woolley, who was deputy mayor on Monday, when the city commissioners elected John W. Flock to the office, still is in possession of the mayor's office, and says he is sure he will be able to prove in court his right to serve the city as chief executive until May 15, 1920.

MOLLER SAYS "LIAR."

Daytona, Fla., Feb. 3.—August Moller was thrown out of a hall and later arrested when he created a disturbance at a meeting in which a Canadian sergeant was giving a lecture describing alleged German atrocities. Moller called the lecturer a "liar." He was held for the Federal authorities.

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